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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL
SENTENCED TO 38 YEARS IN FEDERAL COURT

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE--United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Rochester Police Chief David G. Dubois, and New Hampshire State Police Colonel Frederick H. Booth, announced that Gerard Boulanger, age 42, DOB: 08/30/62, of Rochester, New Hampshire, was sentenced to 38 years and four months (460 months) on federal armed robbery, gun possession and drug charges in United States District Court in Concord, New Hampshire. He was also ordered to serve 5 years of supervised release and to pay \$2,346.75 in restitution.

The defendant had three previous convictions for armed robbery in New Hampshire. On September 12, 2003, the defendant, wearing a mask, robbed the Brooks Drug Store at 104 Milton Road in Rochester, New Hampshire. He carried and brandished a .25 caliber pistol during the robbery and stole approximately eleven hundred oxycontin and methadone tablets. The gun and some of the drugs were recovered three days later in an apartment where the defendant was staying in Rochester. The defendant had been convicted on October 13, 2004, after a three day jury trial before Judge Paul J. Barbarodo. He was found to be an "Armed Career Criminal" under federal law because of his extensive and violent criminal record.

United States Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "Our Project Safe Neighborhoods strategy to reduce gun violence has as its theme: 'In New Hampshire, gun crimes means hard time.' Gerard Boulanger will be spending the next 38 years in federal prison because he used a gun to commit a crime."

"We are serious about bringing every dangerous career criminal like Gerard Boulanger to justice and seeking federal sentences that will keep them from ever again being a threat to society."

“This case is also a testament to the cooperative efforts of the Rochester Police Department, New Hampshire State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit, and the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of State Police, Forensic Laboratory. This and other jointly investigated cases have made New Hampshire a safer place to live.”

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about firearms laws.

The case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and the New Hampshire State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit with the assistance of the State Police Forensic Laboratory. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Clyde R. W. Garrigan and Alfred Rubega.

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